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FLARE-UP AT SOERABAYA

BATAVIA, OCT. 29. OPEN FIGHTING BETWEEN BRITISH FORCES AND INDONESIAN NATIONALISTS BROKE OUT IN JAVA FOR THE FIRST TIME OVER THE WEEKEND, THE DUTCH ANETA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED, WHILE CONFUSION CLOAKED THE HESITANT MOVES TO BRING THE DUTCH AND INDONESIAN LEADERS TOGETHER FOR PEACE DISCUSSIONS. INDONESIAN ARE OPPOSING THE ALLIED ARMING PLANES FOR THE SOERABAYA NAVAL BASE, ANETA SAID.

JEEP CRASH: TWO KILLED

Six R.C.S. Men In Garden Rd. Accident

A JEEP OF WHICH CONTROL WAS LOST COMING DOWN GARDEN ROAD, CRASHED INTO THE REAR WALL OF THE PEAK TRAMWAY LOWER TERMINUS AT ABOUT 5.15 P.M. YESTERDAY, RESULTING IN THE DEATHS OF TWO PERSONNEL OF THE ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS, SERIOUS INJURIES TO THREE OTHERS, AND MINOR INJURIES TO THE SIXTH AND ONLY OTHER OCCUPANT. ONE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE TRAGEDY DIED EN ROUTE TO ROYAL ROAD MILITARY HOSPITAL AND THE OTHER ABOUT AN HOUR AFTER ADMISSION.

Shanghai Business Confusion

Shanghai, Oct. 29. Considerable confusion prevails in the local foreign business world as a result of fragmentary reports received here regarding the Chungking Revised Company Law. Pending clarification, many British and American business concerns slowed down their preparations to resume operations.—Reuter.

It is also learned that there is little likelihood of foreign banks reopening in the near future, as many are still engaged in obtaining repositioning property assets, as well as old records.

The Chinese Municipal Authorities, it is reported, intend buying up the British-owned Shanghai Waterworks, as soon as the company's franchise with the former Municipal Council expires in about two years time.

The monetary situation remains as fantastic as ever.

Typical is the fact that a Pound Sterling is at present fetching an equivalent in Chinese National Currency of only two and a half United States Dollars.—Reuter.

Intervention Plea

London, Oct. 29. Spanish trade unions in London said today they had received a telegram from Spain warning that 22 Spanish labour leaders had been secretly tried at Cadiz for sabotage and would be sentenced soon.

The telegram urged the intervention of President Truman, Mr. Attlee, the Spanish Republican government in Mexico, General de Gaulle and the presidents of several other countries be sought. It advised that such intervention might be useless after October 30.

The Uruguayan Foreign Ministry has already instructed its Legation at Madrid to make representations of a humanitarian nature to ascertain the situation of the 22 republicans reported as having been given a summary trial in Cadiz.—Associated Press.

DACHAU ROUND-UP

Dachau, Germany, Oct. 29. MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE ROUNDING UP NAZI MEMBERS WHO RAN THE DACHAU HORROR CAMP WHERE OVER 200,000 PERSONS WERE CREMATED FOR PROBABLY THE LARGEST MASS ATROCITY TRIAL.

Orders came from higher headquarters to push the proceedings as rapidly as possible with a goal of starting before December in an American counterpart to the British Belsen trials. A war crimes investigation team has gathered much evidence against 209 persons connected with Dachau.—Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 29. Mr. Frank J. Taylor, President of the American Merchant Marine Institute urged that the United States, which produces purchases for the greater portion of the world's trade will be given the opportunity to transport at least fifty per cent of the American foreign trade in American ships.—Associated Press.

Moslem Riot

Bombay, Oct. 29. Several persons were injured last night when police fired during a riot at a Moslem election meeting. The clash occurred between Moslem followers of the National Congress and adherents of the Moslem League.—Associated Press.

California Air Raid Alarm: Secret Out

SAN FRANCISCO, OCT. 29. AS MANY AS FIVE UNIDENTIFIED PLANES, EITHER JAPANESE CIVILIAN OR COMMERCIAL PLANES WERE OVER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 24/25, 1942, IN THE "BATTLE OF LOS ANGELES," THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS DISCLOSED TODAY.

Lieut-General John L. Dawitt, then Western Defense Commander, said: "My belief is that the planes were launched from a submarine somewhere close to the shore under our detectors."

The Naval Intelligence in Los Angeles advised the same evening that an attack could be expected during the next ten hours following which the Pacific Coast was on the "yellow-alert," indicating that the enemy was possibly thirty minutes away.

At the time, the incident caused major excitement and a major mystery. Los Angeles had its greatest excitement of the war as anti-aircraft batteries opened fire from many points in the night, with tracer bullets streaking through the air.

Officially, it became a mysterious incident and a subject of near-controversy. While one branch of the military said there definitely enemy planes in the vicinity, another threw doubts on it, and the American public never knew exactly what the circumstances were.—Associated Press.

Mopping Up Round Saigon

Saigon, Oct. 29. An official communique announced: "Mopping up by French troops south of Saigon continued yesterday. There was a clash with rebels south of Mytho. Larger rebel lands were encountered in the region of Gocong."

"Everywhere in the path of our troops life is rapidly returning to normal and peasants are returning to their fields. Saigon remains quiet."—Reuter.

Grim Evidence At Yamashita Trial

MANILA, OCT. 29. GENERAL YAMASHITA WENT ON TRIAL AS A WAR CRIMINAL TODAY AND HEARD A FILIPINO WOMAN TESTIFY THAT THE JAPANESE UNDER HIS PHILIPPINE COMMAND SHOT HER AND BAYONETED HER AND HER INFANT DAUGHTER IN A SADISTIC ORGY IN MANILA LAST FEBRUARY.

THE TRIAL OF THE MILITARIST WHO ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE PHILIPPINE DEFENCES AFTER BECOMING KNOWN AS "THE TIGER OF MALAYA" IN THE SINGAPORE CONQUEST, IS THE FIRST OF ANY JAPANESE LEADER. IT SHOWED PROMISE TODAY OF BECOMING A LEGAL JOUST.

Pacificana Abaya, 26, testified that while held with 100 other persons, she was shot through the elbow and bayoneted nine times. She said the bayonet slashed through her body three times and wounded her 10-month-old daughter fatally.

FIFTY KILLED. She declared over 50 women and children were slaughtered in this one orgy of killing.

The trial opened with an exchange of legal manoeuvres. Defence counsel was consistently overruled in its efforts to block the trial. Defence counsel also demanded an additional bill of particulars.

After the prosecution completes presentation of its case, the defence may renew the appeal for postponement. It seemed clear the defence is laying the groundwork for a later appeal of Yamashita's case, either to President Truman or the U.S. supreme court.

The defence asked dismissal of

AMICABLE END TO MACAO INCIDENTS

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

MACAO, OCT. 29. SATURDAY NIGHT'S MYSTIFYING INCIDENTS MAY NOW BE REGARDED AS HAVING BLOWN OVER AND TENSION IN THE PORTUGUESE COLONY TO-DAY HAD SENSIBLY RELAXED.

ACTUALLY THERE WERE TWO RUSH "VISITS" BY CHINESE MILITARY. ONE GROUP OCCUPIED THE COCHAI HOTEL AND OTHER THE CENTRAL HOTEL, THE ELEVEN-STORY BUILDING FARTHER DOWN THE AVENIDA ALMEIDA RIBEIRO.

Much the same events occurred in both hotels, the arrivals occupying the top floors, and taking control.

A formal version of the affair stated that Chinese officers who entered Macao fully armed demonstrated when invited to disarm, but subsequently retired from the Grand Hotel disarming themselves without further incident or disagreement.

AMICABLE ARRANGEMENT. The British Consul, Mr. J. P. Reeves, and American naval officers in Macao on furlough, collaborated with the Portuguese authorities in the negotiations that followed the unexpected arrival, and assisted in bringing about an amicable understanding.

Suggestion was that the Chinese military parties concerned were unaware that it is not usual for troops to cross a national boundary when fully armed.

Captain de Gueha, Chief of the Macao Police, left for Hong Kong to-day aboard the Portuguese vessel "Crisin."

H.M.S. BELFAST RETURNS

H.M.S. "Belfast," which left Hong Kong on Friday to bring back British servicemen's families who have been in Macao during the war, arrived back yesterday with some 30 women and children, together with some eighty Hong Kong Volunteers who had been on leave in Macao.

Also on board was Colonel Ride.

Prior to the departure of the cruiser, H.E. the Governor of Macao, the British Consul, Mr. J. P. Reeves, and Macao Officials went on board to say goodbye.

Franc Denial

Paris, Oct. 29. The French Minister of Finance issued an official denial today that the Paris newspaper report that the French people that this rumour is entirely without foundation.—Reuter.

TRUMAN DOCTRINE

WASHINGTON, OCT. 29. SENATOR A. W. BARKLEY, THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY LEADER IN THE SENATE, SAID TODAY THAT PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S NAVY DAY SPEECH HAD EXTENDED THE IDEA OF THE MONROE DOCTRINE TO THE ENTIRE WORLD.

The president, in his address, assigned to the United States sea forces a role of importance in maintaining peace and asserted the American people "will never again permit their navy to become inferior to any navy in the world."

The central idea of the doctrine, Senator Barkley said, "is non-interference and non-imposition of any form of government" and refusal to "tolerate any such effort on the part of any such government."

John L. Sullivan, assistant secretary of the navy for air, joined in the warning cry of other naval leaders against too rapid demobilization of naval strength.—Associated Press.

Want To Give Up Titles

Tokyo, Oct. 29. Domei news agency today quoted Count Koriyama Arima, former Minister of Agriculture, as declaring most young Japanese peers want to give up their titles but intimated he desired his peerage in order to run in the forthcoming general election.

The agency quoted the Count as saying: "The peerage angle has become nonsense. If the people wish to retain this system it should be rebuilt entirely on a new basis."

Prince Fumimaro Konoye, former premier, has applied to the imperial household ministry to become a commoner. Arima said he recently requested Konoye to lead a movement to renounce peerage titles.—Associated Press.

Jap. Bank Liquidation

Tokyo, Oct. 29. A spokesman for the economic and scientific section said today that liquidation of some of the Japanese banks—which were closed on September 30—will begin "in the near future."

He added that the Bank of Japan was named liquidator for the Bank of Chosen Colonization Bank and, the Deutsche Ozeanische Bank of the Bank of Taiwan.

The liquidation applies only to the big financial organizations which operated for exploiting Japanese-conquered territory outside Japan, and not to Japanese banks doing commercial business of the ordinary type.—Associated Press.

Wainwright's Worry

Kansas City, Oct. 29. Careless worry about how the American people regarded the surrender of Corregidor haunted General Wainwright during the four years he was confined in a Japanese prison, one of his rescuers, Major Robert F. Lemar, disclosed on a visit to his home here.

"He only asked one question, How did the American people feel about Corregidor?"—Associated Press.

Meanwhile, there appeared an increased urgency for British and American government representatives to get together before new trouble develops.

SUDDEN FLARE-UP. A critical situation has suddenly flared up in Soerabaya and the Allied Commander and Dr. Soekarno have flown to the Java naval port to-day in an eleven-hour effort to restore tranquillity.

Severe fighting is, however, reported to be taking place, with increasing casualties.

Indonesian nationalists and British and Indian troops are involved. The clashes began with attacks on the British units, during which one Indian was killed, and one British officer and several Indian soldiers were wounded.

ARMISTICE BREACH. The number of Indonesian casualties is not known. After several hours of mopping, the Indonesians asked for an armistice. This was granted, on condition that the Indonesians handed in their arms by dawn to-day.

While the "Coast Fire" order was being observed on the British side, the Indonesians launched an attack against the Headquarters of the 49th Indian Brigade, and sharp fighting has been in progress since.

The sudden flare-up is attributed to the resentment of the Indonesians at a rebuff by the British local commander that they give up their arms.

The fate of tens of thousands of interned Europeans appears to be at stake in the Java crisis. British and Americans also are trying to get oil, rubber and other raw products moving.

Dutch political circles predicted Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, acting governor-general of the Netherlands East Indies, at a conference on the controversy would read a statement given the Dutch government's views.

NO INVITATION. The national regime issued a statement today that "The government (Indonesian) has received no invitation for a meeting with Van Mook. If invited we are inclined to accept providing Van Mook acknowledges Indonesia's right to self-determination."

Van Mook declared in a brief statement: "The Nationalists have been advised where and when we would receive them."—Reuter and Associated Press.

AUSTRALIAN OBSERVER. Canberra, Oct. 29. W. Machmahon Ball, Head of the Department of Political Science in Melbourne University, has been appointed the Australian Government political representative attached to the allied commander in the Netherlands East Indies, according to an announcement by the acting Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Norman J. O. Makin.

The new Australian representative will leave immediately for Java.

The Australian Government is anxious to secure information on the events in the Netherlands East Indies.—Associated Press.

RABAU'S REMNANTS

MANILA, OCT. 29. HUNDREDS OF ALLIED PRISONERS WERE CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE NEAR RABAU BUT ONLY TWENTY EIGHT REMAINED WHEN THE AUSTRALIANS ARRIVED AFTER THE SURRENDER OF THE NEW BRITAIN ISLAND PORT.

Others died or were shipped to Japan. The prisoners were eight Americans, one Australian, one Dutch and the rest British. They were undernourished and suffering from frequent beatings.

The survivors estimated that sixty Americans died in Rabaul from malnutrition.

The Japanese troops, however, were kept in excellent physical condition.—Associated Press.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

The future activities of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. were discussed at a fifth party given by the Executive Directors yesterday.

It was decided to resume hostel accommodation for members returning from Franco China, to resume night-school for English, Mandarin and commercial knowledge, to resume all branches of sports activities, and to organize educational and moral lectures.

Mr. K. S. Lee is acting as General Secretary, and financial help has been promised by the Chairman, Mr. Lam Chi-fung, who has just returned to the Colony from Macao.

Calcutta, Oct. 29. Fifty thousand American troops in India are scheduled to be shipped home in November. It was reported to-day.—Associated Press.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION. DUTYABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE

PUBLICAN AND ADJUNCT LICENCES

No person shall, subsequent to 30th November, 1945, sell intoxicating liquors for consumption on the premises unless he has obtained a licence.

Application forms for Publican and Adjunct Licences are obtainable from the Commissioner of Police at his office in New Oriental Buildings, Connaught Road.

Fees for Publican's Licence—\$1,000.00 to \$8,000.00 to Victoria or Hill District. Half the above fees elsewhere in the Colony.

Fees for Adjunct Licence—\$700.00 in and to the North of Queen's Road Victoria, or at Victoria Gap. \$400.00 elsewhere in the Island of Hong Kong or in Kowloon or New Kowloon.

U. H. SANBOM,

Col. C.A. (S). Police.

28th October, 1945.

NOTICE

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG

POLICE BRANCH CIVIL AFFAIRS

The Office of the Commissioner of Police and the Police Accountant have been removed from the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building to the New Oriental Building, Connaught Road (Next to Butterfield & Swire's Office).

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C. H. SANBOM,

Col. C. A. (S)

Commissioner of Police.
27th October, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION STORES REQUIRED

Tenders are invited from the public for the supply of the following stores:

Bicycles
Camp Beds
Canvas for beds
Blankets
White Calico
Grass Cutting hooks
G. I. Buckets
Wooden Buckets with covers
Dust Bins
Rattan Splits
Baskets, Rattan for carrying coal.
Baskets, wastepaper
Carrying Poles, Bamboo
Brushes, Lavatory
Brushes, Hand
Brushes, Scrubbing Deck
Brooms, Bamboo
Brooms, Cocoa-nut
Brooms, Hair
Brooms, Corn
Mats, Sleeping
Mops, floor
Choppers, Meat
Choppers, Wood
Primus Stoves
Blowlamps
Balance Scales, up to 20 lbs.
Rat Traps, steel spring
Cells for hand torches
Bulbs for hand torches
Disinfectant
Hair Clippers
Scissors, Hair-cutting
Padlocks 2" to 6"
Bolt Hinges 3"-4"
Back flap Hinges 4"
Pliers
Screws, iron or brass
Adding Machines
Gestetner Machines
Gestetner Ink
Gestetner Stencils
Impression Papers
Correcting Fluid
Typewriter Ribbons
Typewriters
Chloride of Lime

Tenders for all or any part of the above, must be submitted in duplicate, in sealed covers marked "Tender for Stores", addressed to Mr. C. E. Davis, Supplies Sub-Section, 2nd Floor, Mercantile Bank Building, Samples must accompany tenders when such a submission is reasonable, and any further particulars required

TENDERS

are invited for upholstery work and the manufacture of curtains, mosquito nets &c. and should be submitted in sealed covers marked "Tender for upholstery" to reach the Supg. Naval Store Officer, H. M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, not later than Monday, 5th November, 1945. For particulars and forms of tender apply

Supg. Naval Store Officer,
H. M. DOCKYARD,
Hong Kong.

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG

DEPARTMENT OF IMPORTS & EXPORTS

DUTY ON LIQUOR AND TOBACCO

On and from October, 29th 1945 duty will be collected upon Liquor and Tobacco under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (No. 36 of 1931). The rates of duty are those in force on December 1st 1941.

Persons or firms holding stocks of Liquor over 4 gallons in the case of European Liquor and over 50 gallons in the case of Chinese Liquor are required to declare these stocks, stating

- the type or kind of liquor
- the number of bottles or other containers for each type,
- the number of gallons of each type; and
- the place where the liquor reported is stored.

If the declarer holds evidence that duty was paid on all or part of this liquor before December 8th 1941 or to the Japanese Administration he should state the nature of the evidence and the amount of liquor involved.

Persons or firms holding stocks of tobacco, other than stocks of cigarettes and smoking tobacco less than 20 pounds in total weight held by licensed retailers on their premises, are required to declare these stocks, stating

- the type of tobacco;
- the amount in pounds or thousands in the case of cigars or cigarettes; and
- the place where the tobacco is now stored.

Duty will be charged on all stocks of Liquor and Tobacco over and above the limits or exceptions stated above other than goods which are in General Bonded Warehouses or other approved storage.

Failure to declare stocks of Liquor and Tobacco will render them liable to seizure and confiscation as Dutiable Goods.

Declarations must be handed in at this office by noon on November 1st 1945.

H. A. TAYLOR

Superintendent of Imports & Exports.
28th October, 1945.

may be obtained from the above named Officer.

The closing time for the acceptance of tenders is noon on November 3rd, 1945, and offers must remain open for seven (7) days from this date.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

A. BURGESS,

Colonel, (C.A.) Supplies, Transport & Industry.
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THE DOCK STRIKE

The decision of the Bristol dockers to return to work yesterday, with an appeal to their co-workers in other ports to follow suit, is an encouraging indication that commonsense and public spirit is beginning to prevail. It is too early to express confidence that the end of the disturbing episode is in sight, but precept and example are persuasive and it can be hoped that the resumption will become general. All three protagonists—dockers, Trades Unions, and Government,—have been blamed for the snowball growth of the strike. It began on September 25 and a week ago involved nearly 50,000 workers. Political scare-mongers spied a Trotskyite nigger in the woodpile. The idea has been laughed out, but on no one party can blame be squarely fixed. There are and will be grave labour troubles all the world over as a result of the war's upheaval. But Britain, less than any surviving Great Power, can afford dalliance with industrial problems. This is no time for British dockers, or workers of any other kind, to agitate for anything so leisurely as a 40-hour week. The question of wages remains open, but in any event must not be allowed to waste man-hours as it did in Britain after World War I, so durably hobbling industry that the country lagged behind in the international race. However the action of the strikers is viewed and reports indicate that most of the British public condemn it, however tardy and inadequate T.U. machinery may appear, the affair is a vital test for the new Labour Government. Its implications spread far further than hours and wages for dockers, for co-ordination of wages in the whole industrial field is involved. The time has passed, at any rate for Britain, when the unions of different trades and industries can play off labour shortage against hours and wages, when entrepreneurs can scramble in the labour market offering higher wages to seduce work-people, thus inducing the vile spiral of higher wages, higher manufacturing costs, higher prices, higher cost of living—and ending in another demand for higher wages. The moment has unmistakably come for the British Government to introduce a co-ordinated national wages policy. For if Britain is to survive the very heavy financial seas now breaking over her, all her people will need to pull hard and pull together.

CHAIR COOLIES CHARGED

TWO SEDAN CHAIR COOLIES WERE CAUTIONED BY MR. C. Y. KWAN AT THE SUMMARY MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY, FOR OVER-CHARGING CUSTOMERS.

It was stated that a European hired a chair to take him from D'Agullar Street to Caine Road. On arrival, the coolie put up four fingers when asked what the fare was. They were given one dollar, and started an argument. A Police officer appeared and both coolies were arrested.

Mr. Kwan said that in future cases, a penalty would be imposed. A richsha coolie, Tsang Ma-lin, was also cautioned, for charging one dollar for a trip from the Hong Kong Hotel to the Fire Brigade Building.

The magistrate warned that if conditions warranted an increase in charges, they should apply to the Authorities through a proper channel.

AMBASSADOR AND LADY SEYMOUR

His Excellency the British Ambassador to China, Sir Horace Seymour, who arrived in the Colony on Saturday on a private visit, accompanied by Lady Seymour and General Sir Curzon de Vaux, V.C., returned to Chungking by air yesterday morning. The distinguished party were seen off by Major-General E. W. Peeling, G.O.C., and Air Commodore W. A. D. Brook, A.O.C., Hong Kong.

MONSTROUS BREACH OF FAITH

London, Oct. 29.—Pithy comment on Mr. Winston Churchill's demobilisation proposals (the scrapping of the age plus length of service formula) which, he says, would be regarded by troops in Hong Kong and other parts of the Far East as a "monstrous breach of faith," is contained in an article by Michael Foot, noted journalist and M.P. Mr. Foot writes: "Perhaps the most eloquent speech of the week was made by Mr. Evelyn Walkden M.P., who punctured with a few words the elaborate demobilisation balloon which Mr. Churchill is unloading."

Mr. Churchill proposed that the age plus length of service formula be scrapped. He is trying to sugar the pill for those soldiers, particularly in the Far East, who would regard this suggestion as a monstrous breach of faith. Mr. Walkden intervened to ask if Mr. Churchill knew that exactly his proposition had been roundly condemned by the 14th Army. Mr. Churchill did not know. Since his whole case depended on scrapping the age plus length of service formula, the speech collapsed.

I have already received cabled comment from the Far East (says Mr. Foot) on Mr. Churchill's proposal. Unhappily it is unprintable.

UNSAVOURY

Tory newspapers continue to state that Mr. Churchill's plan remains unanswered. Actually it was crushingly answered by Mr. John Strachey in the most brilliant debating speech made in this Parliament.

Since Tory newspapers for the most part did not print Mr. Strachey's reply they hope that the deliberate delusion of their readers will persist.

The episode is made more comical and unsavoury since the same newspapers have always pressed for "more facts."

Turning to Europe, Mr. Foot writes: "Am I my brother's keeper? How many times was that famous question asked in the ignoble years before the war? It was the excuse of Cain, and on every occasion when an attempt was made to rouse the British people to an awareness of the perils which threatened them from the infamies being done on the continent of Europe the same excuse was reiterated."

Abyssinia was "not our concern." As a result a few years later the British Navy was only able to hold its own against the fleets of Mussolini by sheer bluff and bravado.

The Spanish war was a "faction fight" wherein we could not intervene. As a result the horror of Guernica was later visited on London, Plymouth and Coventry. Czechoslovakia was a "far away country about which we knew nothing." As a result an opportunity of overthrowing Hitler before a world of blood had been shed was irretrievably lost.

Victims of persecution in Germany were "only Jews." Official reports of concentration camps were suppressed by the Chamberlain Government and in the end British and American prisoners starved to death alongside those caught in programmes.

The list could be endlessly extended.

THANKS A MILLION TO-NIGHT

A stage manager in civilian life, Able Seaman Bob Storey takes the credit for first thinking of a combined service show to aid the China Relief Fund. He contacted most of the cast for "Thanks a Million" which opens for five nights at the Queen's Theatre to-night, and made the preliminary arrangements for putting on the show.

Associated with him is Corporal Cliff Fowler of the R.A.F. who has been producing and appearing in service shows for 5 1/2 years and he has presented shows in Kowloon recently. He appeared in a service show with Frances Day in England.

Leading Aircraftman Douglas Young R.A.F. who has just arrived from India has taken part in straight shows and service revues for the past three years.

Corporal Fred Buttress, R.A.F., the show's magician, performed professionally on the London stage and in Cabaret before the war. Commands Frank Glover sang with dance bands and had an engagement with the Bournemouth dance orchestra. "Sticks" Hollo-way, a Royal Navy stoker, who performs on the drums in the show, is forming an all-Navy dance band in Hong Kong.

Producing Sub-Lieut. Noel Brophy, R.N.V.R., says the show should go with a swing. Tickets can be obtained at the Queen's box office.

SHOT MAN IDENTIFIED

The Chinese shot in the harbour on Sunday afternoon has been identified as Tang Lin, 35, a fisherman. He was shot while on board a sampans, which immediately went alongside the H.M.S. Caybury. The Water Police are still investigating the incident.

REWARD OFFER

Buffalo, Oct. 29.—William J. Brook, lawyer, today sent a five-thousand dollar cheque to President Truman requesting that the sum be used in the nucleus of a five-hundred thousand dollar reward for the capture of Hitler.—Associated Press.

PINGSHAN AIRPORT ACHIEVEMENT

SURVEY WORK ON THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED PINGSHAN AIRPORT HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED. WITH AN AREA OF FOUR AND A HALF SQUARE MILES INVOLVED, IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN THREE WEEKS, EARNING A WARM TRIBUTE TO THE SURVEY PERSONNEL OF 5558 AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION WING BY FLIGHT LIEUT. T. H. MAYER, THE CHIEF SURVEYOR OFFICER ON THE PROJECT.

Faced with the enormous task of carrying out a detailed survey covering 4 1/2 sq. miles, and preparing large scale drawings, they took over 5,000 levels over a site which presented great difficulties from the point of view of access; necessitated the wearing of gum boots and at times working knee deep in rice fields under water.

Prior to the Japanese surrender, this unit was destined for survey work on Okinawa, and was subsequently directed to Hong Kong at short notice. P.M. Mayer and his men were the first troops stationed in the New Territories, and actually commenced the survey before the Japanese in the territory were disarmed.

They were accompanied by a small detachment of No. 5026 Squadron under F.O. Dawson. S/Ldr. R. H. Macintosh (Chief Technical site officer), was in charge of the party.

That the initial drawings were completed on time, reflects great credit on those engaged on the survey, which is the largest yet undertaken by any R.A.F. Airfield Unit.

The area finally to be surveyed will cover over 7 1/2 sq. miles.

Black Market Sugar Sellers Fined

THE MANAGER OF THE HOP LEE GROCERY SHOP, NO. 92, WING LOK STREET, GROUND FLOOR, WAS FINED \$1,000 OR 12 MONTHS' HARD LABOUR BY MR. LEO D'ALMADA AT THE STANDING MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY, FOR SELLING ONE CATTY OF WHITE SUGAR AT \$9, A PRICE IN EXCESS OF THE OFFICIAL PRICE, AND FOR FAILING TO DISPLAY IN A PROMINENT POSITION AFFIXED TO RECEPTACLE CONTAINING THE SUGAR, THE SELLING PRICE OF THE COMMODITY AND THE QUALITY AND KIND OFFERED FOR SALE.

Accused stated that he bought the sugar at \$8 per catty and only sold at \$9. Besides he kept the sugar for his own consumption.

Mr. A. el Arculli, for the prosecution, said that on defendant's own admission, he made a profit out of the sugar. A considerable amount of sugar was found in the rear of the shop.

Mr. D'Almada pointed out that accused sold sugar at a price much in excess of the official price. The people of this Colony had suffered a lot of profiteering during the Japanese occupation, and the Authorities were trying to put an end to it. He would, therefore, impose a heavy penalty in future cases.

SECOND CASE

A similar fine was imposed on Chiu Pat-yu, manager of the Wo Shing Grocery Shop, No. 134, Des Voeux Road Central, when he charged with a similar offence.

Accused was alleged to have sold half a catty of white sugar to a woman at \$4, on October 7. Defendant said he did not intend to sell sugar. It was only on the persuasion of the woman that she was given sugar.

CORRESPONDENCE

TAIPO'S THANKS

Sir,—I am writing as a gesture of thanks to some very good English friends in the village of Tai-po. They do not know I am writing.

These friends are four British Royal Marine Commando officers, Dr. Edward, Dr. T. Grant Hanlon, Dr. W. G. Hingley and Dr. R. Marshall.

These four doctors have been working all hours of the day attending to the wants of the sick villagers in Tai-po, and I can assure you that some of them were in a pitiful state. I am very happy to say that all the villagers under their care are now well on the way to recovery.

I do hope you will find space for this episode to show the people of Hong Kong and Kowloon what is being done by the Commandos and how much we in Tai-po appreciate it.

TAI PO.

Samneagh Incident

FOUR SEAMEN OF THE S.S. SAMNEAGH WERE CHARGED BEFORE CAPTAIN L. STRELLETT AT THE STANDING MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY WITH STEALING 14 BLANKETS, 15 BED SHEETS, 10 POUNDS OF CHEESE, 144 PIECES OF TOILET SOAP, A TIN OF PINEAPPLE, A TIN OF FRUIT COCKTAIL, A TIN OF ORANGE SQUASH AND TWO 5 LB. TINS OF COCOA, FROM ON BOARD THE S.S. SAMNEAGH ON OCTOBER 26.

Accused were John Clark, Peter Davis Stanhouse, Thomas Thewis, and William Hocking, who asked for an adjournment for legal advice.

Lieut.-Comdr. M. E. P. Jump was for the prosecution.

The case was adjourned till tomorrow.

The third and fourth accused were further charged with assisting Edward Cecil Vernon Smith on the night of October 27-28. They pleaded guilty.

According to the prosecution, Smith is a junior ordinary seaman on board the s.s. Samneagh, and also the principle witness of the larceny case. He was asleep in his cabin when he was suddenly struck on his face by Thewis. He was then pulled from his bunk to the floor, where he was kicked.

Clark, first accused in the larceny case, who was in the cabin, prevented any further assault, saying it was only the duty of the boy to report anything he saw.

Smith did not make any report on the matter until Lt.-Comdr. Jump went on board to obtain evidence in the larceny case.

Accused said they were drunk and did not know what they were doing.

Captain Strellett pointed out that it was a very serious offence to interfere with the course of justice and bully a witness. Furthermore, complainant was defenceless and asleep.

Accused were sentenced to three months' hard labour.

H.M.I.S. Godavari was mentioned in connection with yesterday's account of Kowloon shooting incidents. The vessel actually concerned was H.M.I.S. Caybury.

Scotland Keen To Run Her Own Show

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. THE WAR HAS RESULTED IN INCREASED ACITATION IN SCOTLAND FOR THE TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT OVER SCOTTISH AFFAIRS FROM LONDON TO EDINBURGH, SAYS THE LONDON CORRESPONDENT OF THE "NEW YORK TIMES."

DECENTRALISATION OF THE POWER WIELDED IN WESTMINSTER IN FAVOUR OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES, IS THE MOST POPULAR CRY IN SCOTLAND TO-DAY, HE STATES.

A Scottish Legislative Assembly should be set up to deal with domestic interests, in the eyes of supporters of the movement.

The development should not be confused with the old separatist movement, the correspondent says.

Motives behind the movement is not so much patriotic as economic. Several development have combined to make Scotland feel the need of more attention to her special problems than London can provide.

During the war many industries migrated to Scotland in consequence of the policy for the dispersal of industry. Now there is a prospect of at least a few of these plants will be closed or moved back to England.

During the war also thousands of Scottish workers, mostly girls, went to England, and Scotland wants to keep its young people at home.

LOCAL PLANNING

Another development is the activity of local planning boards for such schedules as the development of water power in the Highlands. All parties approve of the national planning as a means of solving Scotland's problems.

An other is the creation of a Council of State for Scotland, consisting of former Secretaries of State for Scotland, and a Council of Industry for the coordination of production. In addition Scottish M.P.s meet monthly.

These bodies have worked to the benefit of both Scotland and England and some think that

STAR FERRY SERVICE

In force on and after 30th October, 1945

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In force on and after 30th October, 1945

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Emperor's Fortune

Tokyo, Oct. 29. Imperial household resources were reported to-day to total approximately U.S.\$1,000,000 annually.

Considerable income came annually from the Bank of Taiwan, one of those which General MacArthur ordered liquidated.

Newspapers stated the emperor's household ran on a budget of 25,000,000 yen, of which 4,500,000 yen came from public funds and the rest from investments.

The Imperial land holdings were listed in 1940 at 3,000,000 acres. Imperial holdings also included shares in numerous large concerns and banks and shipping lines. — Associated Press.

VILLAGE ROBBERY

An armed robbery at Lokma-chau, in Shek Wu Wai village, took place at about 1 a.m. on Sunday night when a gang of six, armed with three revolvers, raided three houses in the village, making away with clothing and money to a total value of \$117.

He has travelled widely, but he had, before commencing his travels, already acquired all 16 at the University of London where men of diverse colour and creeds intone and drone on.

SHAMSHUPO FERRY SERVICE

In force on and after 30th October, 1945

From	From
Shamshupo	Hong Kong
8.00 a.m.	7.40 a.m.
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Cheung Chau	Hong Kong
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TAI O—CASTLE PEAK SERVICE (Daily)

In force on and after 30th October, 1945

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Tai O	Castle Peak
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ABERDEEN SERVICE (3 Trips Daily)

In force on and after 30th October, 1945

From	From
Hong Kong	Aberdeen
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1.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m.
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NAM TAU SERVICE (Daily)

In force on and after 30th October, 1945

From	From
Hong Kong	Nam Tau
7.00 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
1.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m.

Hong Kong Loses Amazing Linguist

Speaking of linguists, it is claimed that the average Levantine speaks a dozen and the average Russian a good five or six. This, of course, is an exaggeration. There are men with the curse of Babel upon them from every land.

IT IS, HOWEVER, MOST UNUSUAL TO FIND AN ENGLISHMAN AMONG SUCH THE "CHINA MAIL." HOWEVER, HAS HAD A VISITOR WHO PROVED TO THE SATISFACTION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXPERTS PRESENT THAT HE COULD PROBABLY LAY JUST CLAIM TO SOME 16

every known dialect while instructing men for the Colonial and foreign service.

To end the tension, we are speaking of Sub-Lieut. J. P. Hobson, R.N., who left by plane on Sunday for Colombo. Lieut. Hobson can read as many Chinese hieroglyphics as can any Englishman in town, but he speaks Japanese, not Chinese.

He was one of the Royal Navy's standbys for the interrogation of Japanese prisoners. He had much experience of that in Hong Kong and may have had, though he was silent on the point, close acquaintance with more than one major war criminal.

LACK OF CANTONESE

His lack of knowledge of Cantonese was one of Lieut. Hobson's main disappointments here. He would have liked to have told some Chinese curio-shoppers in their own language that most of their junk was worthless. He is an inspired aesthetic in Oriental art of every form and description.

In Colombo, however, Lieut. Hobson should be happier. He speaks Singhalese. He is at home in India where he can make himself understood in Urdu and can talk Sanskrit with a Brahmin. In Malaya, he will accept no change in Malayan abuse.

Further interrogation of Lieut. Hobson carried out in other languages revealed that he speaks Russian with a fair Russian accent, an accomplishment rare to anyone but a Slav.

French and German are, of course, nothing to brag about. Everyone who has ever swotted classics in an English school knows some Latin and Greek. So we could not particularly take off our hat to that.

But this was by no means the limit to Lieut. Hobson's acquisition. We discovered, though having no Welshman in the office, that he evidently knows mediaeval Welsh. This was more than enough. Lieut. Hobson is a modest man. For all we know, he may be equally at home in Hottentot, Go or Kanarese. But could we test him?

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Ruhr Plan

London, Oct. 29. The French plan for the internationalization of Ruhr calls for a possible use of the profits from the Ruhr mines and steel mills to pay for German reparations, according to a statement by a French Government spokesman to-day. — Associated Press.

SHOESHINE BOYS AT VATICAN

Vatican City, Oct. 29. Pope Pius to-day gave fatherly council to more than two thousand shoe-shine boys at Saint Peter's Church on Sunday, exhorting them to be good examples to their companions.

The boys, who earn their living shining shoes in the streets of Rome, assembled for mass from relief missions organized by Catholic Orders.

They enthusiastically applauded the Pontiff from whom they received parcels of food.

The Pope also gave them dinner at the relief missions. — Associated Press.

RUSSIA'S CLAIMS

Vienna, Oct. 29. It was learned to-day that Russia, acting under terms of the Potsdam agreement which gives her Nazi assets, may claim two of the largest Austrian banks whose resources were believed to have been over one billion marks when Vienna was captured.

The Russians regard the banks Credit Anstalt and Laenderbank — as German assets, thus her rightful property. Russia already has used the Potsdam yardstick to claim virtually all heavy industry, shipping and resources in Soviet occupied zones. — Associated Press.

ILLUSTRATED DEMONSTRATION PROBLEMS

The Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C., is to give two lectures on demobilisation and its problems to-day, the first to mobilised officers and volunteers at noon and the second to non-mobilised officers and volunteers at 2.30 p.m. As many as possible are requested to attend.

Originals of documents left at H.Q. for checking purposes can be obtained on application to the Q.M.

WORLD WEATHER STATIONS

Washington, Oct. 29. The army is negotiating to keep alive for peacetime purposes the string of weather observation stations built around the world during the war by the air forces.

Officials are seeking to have operations taken over by countries in which the stations are located. Plans call for the transfer of installations to several Latin American nations, Canada, India, Australia, New Zealand and eventually China. — Associated Press.

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Wednesday and Sunday.

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HONG KONG.

Entertainments Tax Ordinance, 1930.

It is notified for general information that with effect from 1st
November, 1945, Entertainments Tax will again be collected in
accordance with the provisions of the Entertainments Tax Ordinance,
1930. The Rates of Duty are as follows:—

Amount of Payment.	Rate of Duty.
Where the amount of payment for admission, excluding the amount of the duty— does not exceed 4 cents.....	Proo.
exceeds 4 cents and does not exceed 10 cents...	1 cent.
exceeds 10 cents and does not exceed 20 cents...	2 cents.
exceeds 20 cents and does not exceed 35 cents...	5 cents.
exceeds 35 cents and does not exceed 60 cents...	10 cents.
exceeds 60 cents and does not exceed \$1.00...	20 cents.
exceeds \$1.00 and does not exceed \$1.40.....	30 cents.
exceeds \$1.40 and does not exceed \$2.00.....	40 cents.
exceeds \$2.00 and does not exceed \$3.00.....	50 cents.
exceeds \$3.00 and does not exceed \$4.00.....	70 cents.
exceeds \$4.00 and does not exceed \$6.00.....	\$1.00.
exceeds \$6.00.....	\$1.30 for the first \$5.00 and 30 cents for each additional dollar, or part thereof.

O. G. S. FOLLOWS.

Chief Financial Adviser (Civil Affairs).

25th October, 1945.

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As from to-day a limited supply will be on sale at Windsor
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bring their own containers otherwise bottles will be charged for
at the rate of 50 cents each.

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CRISIS IN CHINA GROWS "Fierce Fighting" Reported From Shansi Allegations And Counter-Charges

PEIPING, OCT. 29.
FIFTEEN PEIPING NEWSPAPERS TO-DAY FRONT-
PAGE GENERAL FU TSO-YI'S LETTER TO MAO
TSE TUNG, THE COMMUNIST LEADER, WARNING
THAT A SECOND ATTACK WOULD MEAN THAT
"CIVIL WAR WILL REALLY TAKE PLACE."
THE COMMUNISTS APPEAR TO BE CONCENTRATED
ALONG THE RAILWAYS LEADING FROM PEIPING
AND TIENTSIN TO CHINA'S MIDRIFF IN AN AT-
TEMPT TO CONTROL THE LINES OF COMMUNICA-
TIONS.

There are no efforts to enter
large cities. It will be neces-
sary to fly nationalist troops to
Peiping and Tientsin from
Shanghai and Hankow.

United States Marines have
not been involved in any of the
scattered clashes.
The Japanese who are largely
disarmed, except the railway
guards, appear to have lost their
fighting appetite and will not
shoot unless they are fired upon.

General Fu, in his letter, as-
serted that he was ready to re-
sign his command and Chair-
manship of the Sui Yuan Pro-
vince as evidence that he had
no desire to see Chinese fight-
ing Chinese.

Observers believe that hostil-
ties may have already com-
menced. Associated Press.

NOT CIVIL WAR!

CHUNGKING, OCT. 29.
A Communist spokesman in a
statement to-day alleged that
clashes have taken place between
the Communists and Central
Government troops in eleven
provinces, and indicated that
the Communists would not relin-
quish the railroads as required
by the Central Government, un-
less traffic was confined en-
tirely to civilian passengers and
freight.

The spokesman asserted that
the fierce fighting in Shantung
Province was mainly between
the Communists and Japanese
puppet troops. He asserted:
"We cannot consider that the
situation represents a civil war
until Chiang Kai-shek openly
proclaims it and calls the com-
munists rebels."

CHUNGKING ACCUSED
A Communist spokesman to-day
accused the Chungking govern-
ment of reorganizing armed
Japanese troops in southern
Shansi, northern Honan and east-
ern Shantung into "volunteer
corps" to fight the Communists.

He said the fighting in Shan-
tung province had reached very
fierce proportions.

He charged that central govern-
ment troops flown to Tientsin and
Peiping areas in American air-
planes were planning to march
westward along the Peiping-Sui
Yuan railroad in attempt to make

a junction with Gen. Fu Tso Yi's
troops moving east in Inner Mon-
golia.

The Communist spokesman cold-
shouldered the central government
proposal that if the Communists
would refrain from obstructing
railway movements, the central
government would keep hands off
Communists who were away from
the railroads. The spokesman
said the Communists would not
relinquish railway points unless
the government confined traffic
entirely to civilian passengers and
freight.

Some of Chiang Kai-shek's
generals are known to favour
smashing the Communists by
direct military action on the
ground nothing will be gained by
long discussions. — Associated
Press.

RELEASED AFTER 22 YEARS

Tokyo, Oct. 29.
Retau Boku, forty-four year old
Korean who was imprisoned in
1923 for plotting the assassination
of Emperor Taisho, was released
from the Akita penitentiary, ac-
cording to a Domei message.

Boku had been serving a life
term charge of high treason but
Emperor Hirohito's recent am-
nesty rescript brought him as
well as several hundred other
prisoners freedom. — Associated
Press.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 29.
Eighteen Roman Catholic nuns,
including three imprisoned on the
Nagasaki outskirts when the
atomic bomb wrecked the city,
arrived to-day aboard the Dutch
motorship Klipfontein. — Associat-
ed Press.

Still Need For A Navy, Says Adm. King

KANSAS CITY, OCT. 29.
ADMIRAL ERNEST KING, COMMANDER OF THE UNITED
STATES NAVY, IN HIS NAVY-DAY SPEECH
URGED A REALISTIC, PRACTICABLE REDUCTION
"IN THE PRESENT UNITED STATES NAVY TO POST-
WAR SIZE, BUT URGED THE RETENTION OF A
STRONG NAVY TO UPHOLD THE NATIONAL POLI-
CIES."

REFERRING TO THE ATOMIC BOMB HE ASSERTED:
"THE STATEMENT THAT OUR PRESENT MILITARY
FORCES WILL BE SCRAPPED IN THE NEXT TEN
YEARS CAN BE SAID TO STEM FROM A 'BUCK
ROGERS' TYPE OF PREDICTION."

"The new weapon will modify
strategy tactics but will not
change the fundamental prin-
ciple of warfare and as long as
that holds there will be need
for a navy."

The new weapon will not "in
the least abolish the navy's
prime duty to carry war over-
seas to the enemy. It is our ex-
pectation to prevent the possi-
bility of war ever reaching this
nation on its own shores."

The Admiral listed the fol-
lowing requirements as the
United States minimum post-
war naval strength:

1,082 combatant ships, with
thirty per cent active, ten per
cent in ready reserve and sixty
per cent inactive.

The active and ready reserve
ships would require forty thou-
sand line officers and five hun-
dred thousand men and a marine
corps of eight-thousand officers
and a hundred thousand men. —
Associated Press.

Chicago, Oct. 29.

Vice-Admiral Marc A. Mitscher,
commander of the third fleet's
famed Task Force 58 which
raised such havoc with the Japa-
nese fleet in the western Pacific,
declared in a speech here that the
United States must remain in
readiness "to strike whenever and
wherever aggressor nations may
arise." — Associated Press.

KOWLOON SPORTS

A meeting of representatives of
sports clubs in Kowloon is to be
held in the conference room of
the Peninsula Hotel, on the first
floor, at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday.

Clubs intending to send re-
presentatives are requested to for-
ward names to Mr. G. P. Murphy,
Peninsula Hotel, in order that
seating arrangements may be
made.

Seoul, Korea, Oct. 29.

The first United States troops to
be sent home from Korea—
3,668 of them—left the Inchon
distribution center yesterday
aboard a transport. By Jan-
uary, 19,000 will be processed
at the centre. — Associated Press.

MEIJI SHRINE DESTROYED

Tokyo, Oct. 29.
The Meiji shrine—one of
the three main temples of the
Shinto faith—was destroyed
by fire during an air raid on
April 18th, 1945. — Associated
Press.

WAR RISKS

London, Oct. 29.
Floating mines hitting the
South Coast during this week's
gales have not affected war risk
insurance rates which remain
almost nominal despite some re-
cent claims. The exploding of
mines on shore obviously re-
duces dangers for shipping.
Coastwise vessels and many
travellers have been insured late-
ly for three months at 1/6 per
£100 and ocean-going vessels at
2/6. Some underwriters feel
such business is hardly worth
while since the total premium
after deducting brokerage is so
small. — Reuter.

GERMANS JOINING FOREIGN LEGION

Paris, Oct. 29.
The French Foreign Legion is
accepting enlistments of German
prisoners of war, but with double
screening to eliminate 98 per cent
of the applicants, an official an-
nouncement said to-day.
The announcement, which gave
no figures on the numbers, said
a first screening by the military
security service eliminates all ap-
plicants suspected of Nazi lean-
ings or membership in any or-
ganization sympathetic to Nazism.
— Associated Press.

BRUCE FRASER MOVING TO HONG KONG

Melbourne, Oct. 29.
Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, Com-
mander-in-Chief of the British
Pacific Fleet, will move his head-
quarters from Sydney to Hong
Kong within a few weeks, accord-
ing to a despatch from the com-
mander of the Melbourne Sun,
who is bound for Melbourne on
board the battleship King George
V. — Reuter.

Expert Counters Merger Proponents

WASHINGTON, OCT. 29.
FERDINAND EBERSTADT, FORMER WAR PRODUCTION
BOARD OFFICIAL, IN A STUDY PREPARED FOR
THE NAVY DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED THAT IF
THE SEA SERVICE HAD BEEN WORKING ENTIRE-
LY ON ITS OWN, INDEPENDENT OF THE ARMY,
RESULTS OF THE JAPANESE ATTACK ON PEARL
HARBOR MIGHT HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT.
THE REPORT GAVE A FLAT NEGATIVE ANSWER TO
THE QUESTION WHETHER UNIFICATION OF THE
ARMY AND THE NAVY UNDER A SINGLE HEAD
WOULD IMPROVE NATIONAL SECURITY.

Instead, it recommended a
third armed forces establish-
ment with Cabinet Status—a
Department of Air—all three
tied together by strong liga-

NO INFLATION YET

Berlin, Oct. 29.
A British Military Government
officer maintained that there are
"no signs of inflation at present"
in Germany.
He acknowledged that a lot of
loose money are in the hands of
German civilians and that many
allied soldiers have bundles of
German occupation marks.
Berlin is running a heavy
budget deficit which during the
June/September quarter was at
one-hundred and eighty-six Reich-
marks or fifty-five per cent of the
total of municipal expenditures. —
Associated Press.

R.A.F. SOCCER TEAMS

The following teams have been
selected for the second R.A.F.
soccer trial match to take place at
the King's Park ground on Sun-
day, November 4th, at 5 p.m.
R.A.F.: Pope, Cpl. Lennox and
Simons; Dwyer, Cpl. Coppes and
Smith; Boyd, Morrison, Stokes,
Lothian and Breeds.
The Rest (R.A.F.): Evans;
O'Neill and Shanklin; Sgt. Crystal,
Cpl. Rhodes and Lewis; Brooks,
Banks, Swinford, Goodley and
Sheppard.

Palestine Will Not Wait

LONDON, OCT. 29.
THE URGENCY OF SECUR-
ING A SOLUTION OF THE
PALESTINE PROBLEM IS
STRESSED BY THE WRITER
SCRUTATOR IN THE "SUN-
DAY TIMES."

"The matter will not wait. On
the one hand there are Jewish
victims in Europe craving refuge,
on the other hand there are in
Palestine the beginnings of renew-
ed civil war, and outside it the
attitude of the Arab League."

"The British Government, how-
ever, recognises that action is
necessary and Mr. Attlee is
expected shortly to announce it."

"Prophets say the Government
will admit to Palestine 1,400 to
1,500 Jewish immigrants a month
for the present. That would be a
compromise figure—high enough
to give a little relief to Jewish
victims, low enough to preclude
any grave Arab objections. But
it will not settle the Palestine
trouble nor even stop it from
growing worse."

"Wider compromises are con-
ceivable. One is partition—with
a better map. The other is to
keep one constitution for the
whole country but have Arab and
Jewish communities represented
in the Government on a perma-

After The Event

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 29.
Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault,
long-time air force commander in
China both before and after
American entry into the war,
declared to-day: "If we had been
provided with enough of the latest
type of fighters and bombardment
aircraft in the years immediately
preceding Pearl Harbour, England
and the United States never would
have had to fight Japan."
"With enough of the power
craft, we could have destroyed
Japanese air power, sea power
and her merchant marine from
Chinese bases. Japan never would
have fought us then." — Associated
Press.

ent fifty-fifty basis irrespective of
their populations at any given
time. Thus neither side could
ever be swamped.

"To either of these solutions
the chief obstacle is the temper of
the parties. But that will only
grow worse with time."
"The British Government, which
has compelling motives for pre-
serving the friendship of Arabs
and Jews alike, must bow to the
fact that it exhausts the patience of both."
— Reuter.

STATEMENT SOON

The Sunday newspapers here
said that Premier Attlee will
probably make his long awaited
statement on Palestine to the
House of Commons on November
1st and might at the same time
announce the British and Ameri-
can future policy with regard to
Jewish immigration to the Holy
Land. — Associated Press.

Truman Brushes Isolationism Aside

LONDON, OCT. 29.
PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S ADDRESS ON FOREIGN
POLICY BROUGHT GENERALLY FAVOURABLE RE-
ACTION ABROAD.
LONDON SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS FEATURED THE
SPEECH AND HAILED IT EDITORIALLY AS AN AS-
SURANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT
WITHDRAWING FROM PARTICIPATION IN WORLD
AFFAIRS.

Some misgivings, however,
were expressed over the state-
ments regarding the atomic
bomb, the "Sunday Dispatch"
asserting that he "had made it
clear that even Britain and
Canada were regarded as minor
participants in the creation of
the new weapon."

"But the overriding feeling
inspired in this country will
be one of renewed hope to-
wards the creation of which
his recognition of need for
world economic collaboration
will make no small contribu-
tion."

The "Sunday Times" said
that the speech "brushed aside"
the speculation that the United
States might return to its
"traditional policy of aloofness
from European politics."

The "Sunday Chronicle" de-
clared that "no sensible person

doubts that it is for the sake
of the world's safety that the
United States has decided to let
the secret of the atomic bomb
stay where it is rather than
make it available to other par-
tners."

Official French circles received
President Truman's foreign
policy outline with qualified ap-
proval. They expressed agree-
ment on the general statements
but it was clear that Paris would
have liked specific statements
ments of American policy to-
ward Germany or Indo-China.

High Canadian quarters un-
officially expressed satisfaction.

SOVIET ATTITUDE

Moscow, Oct. 29.
The Soviet Press to-day dis-
played President Truman's Navy
Day speech under two and three-
column bold-face headlines.
The newspapers published ver-
batim President Truman's twelve
points outlined in his speech. —
Associated Press.

AND IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Oct. 29.
Three major newspapers—
Asahi, Yomiuri Hochi and
Mainichi—gave President Tru-
man's Navy day speech top
play in their news columns and
carried in full the 12 points he
outlined for American foreign
policy. — Associated Press.

RADIO

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 1945.

POPULAR CLASSICS

ZBW HONGKONG Broadcasting on
Frequencies of 640 Kilocycles and from
12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.,
and 9.00 to 10.30 p.m. on 9.47
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H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony No. 29
in A Major.

12.35 p.m.—Mozart Song.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Songs by Richard Tauber
(Tenor) and Deanna Durbin
(Soprano).

1.30 p.m.—Mantovani & His Orchestra.

4.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—New Symphony Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

7.10 p.m.—Kentucky Minstrels.

7.30 p.m.—An Hour of Popular Clas-
sics.

9.00 p.m.—"Services Music Box."

9.45 p.m.—Morton & Kaye at Two
Pianos.

9.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

9.10 p.m.—Gounod's "Faust"—Ballad
Muscle.

9.25 p.m.—Compositions of Lohar.

10.00 p.m.—News from London.

10.05 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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